**PARENTHOOD ASSISTANCE PAYMENT OUTLINE**

8/1/2018

Passed in the 2018-19 Budget, Government’s $1,000 Parenthood Assistance Payment is dedicated to helping low-income Fijian families to cover the costs of having and raising a newborn child. Launching on 1 August, the programme will help parents not only cover the cost of childrearing during infancy and upon entering primary school, it will also establish a solid financial foundation for the child to benefit from and build upon for the rest of his or her life.  
  
Registration is purposefully mother-driven, as this programme aims to empower Fijian mothers and drive a cultural shift toward female-led financial stewardship in Fiji. Special provisions will be made for situations in which the mother is unable to apply.   
  
For more information, please refer to the following:

* [Govt Parenthood Assistance Payment Form](http://www.fiji.gov.fj/getattachment/2f058d85-e28a-4bd4-894a-ffa1c773d1ed/Parenthood-Assistance-Payment-Form.pdf.aspx)
* [Govt Parenthood Assistance Payment Outline](http://www.fiji.gov.fj/getattachment/Media-Center/Press-Releases/Parenthood-Assistance-Payment-Outline/Govt-Parenthood-Assistance-Payment-Outline-full-pg-01-08-18-amended.jpg.aspx)